

**Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
Chapter Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2025
Winedale Historical Complex
Winedale, TX**

The chapter business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Sheri Wilcox, president. There were 40 chapter members, 14 members of the 2025 training class and 5 guests attending. Board members attending were Sheri Wilcox, Lori Buffum, Swee-Leng Rappatz, Jaci Elliot, Chris Morrison, Connie Shortes and Betty Scardino.

Minutes for the March 15, 2025 chapter meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's report: Karen Dean was not able to attend. She provided Sheri the current financial report. There were only a few items to note since the last meeting. Included were income from additional dues collected and an honorarium donated that a member received for speaking at an outside event. Expenses for the period included administrative expenses for training and marketing.

Vice-Presidents Report: The July chapter meeting will be held in Colorado County and the AT portion of the meeting will be a panel discussion that includes the 5 county biologists. The biologists will take questions and the session will be moderated by Lori and David Hessel.

Membership Report: Chris Morrison reported that 4 members received initial certification and 20 chapter members were re-certified since the last meeting. Patti Brown, Lori Hessel and Jim Kelley received the Bronze Dragonfly pin for a milestone of 250 lifetime hours of service. Chuck Babb and Frank Michel received the Pewter Dragonfly pin for 500 all-time hours. Charlene Koehler received the Gold Dragonfly pin for 1000 all-time hours.

Education Report: Karen Gardner was unable to attend but Sheri reported that Spring was a very busy time for Education. These include activities at the local schools and community events. She thanked members for all the time they contributed to make these event a success.

Marketing Report: Ken English was unable to attend but Sheri reported that like education, marketing activities were abundant this spring. TMN-GLC gained about 35 additional contacts through chapter attendance at these events.

Communications Report: Lori reported that Nancy Dunnahoe has volunteered to take Carol Gaskamp's role as newsletter editor. Lori is asking for volunteers to become administrators for the chapter's Facebook page.

Volunteer Projects: The River Clean-up project, the Schubert Pollinator Garden, Monument Hill, Winedale Pollinator Garden, Texas Water Specialists and Adopt-a-Highway projects were highlighted.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

The AT portion of the meeting was a Carbon Sequestration study conducted by the University of Houston Coastal Center and Resource Environmental Solutions at Deer Park Prairie.

Submitted by Betty Scardino
TMN-GLC Secretary